

that causes the service provider 50 to store data for the tables somewhere. Although the ACE consolidator 60 may keep track of where the tables are stored (and thus, be referred to in the software sense as "storing the tables"), Jackowski is not specific as to the identity of the physical memory in which the tables are stored. For example, the tables may be stored in the working memory of the system that is depicted in Fig. 5.

However, claim 1 specifies that the tables are stored in a memory of a peripheral. Jackowski neither teaches nor suggests that any of its software modules cause tables to be stored in the memory of a peripheral. Attached to this Reply is the definition of "peripheral" from "FOLDOC," an online dictionary. As can be seen from this definition, the term "peripheral" is not an arbitrary term, but rather, a "peripheral" is a device that does not include the CPU or working memory of a computer.

Thus, for at least the reason that Jackowski neither teaches nor suggests storing a table in a peripheral, withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claim 1 is requested.

Claims 2-8 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable claim.

Rejections of Claims 9-13:

The network controller of claim 9 includes a memory that is adapted to store a table that includes entries identifying different packet flows. The Examiner states that Jackowski discloses a network controller in Fig. 5. However, such an interpretation of "network controller" is contrary to the accepted meaning of this term in the art. Therefore, for at least this reason, withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claim 9 is requested.

Claims 10-13 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable claim.

Rejections of Claims 14-19:

The computer system of claim 14 includes a processor and a peripheral. The peripheral includes a peripheral memory that is adapted to store a table that includes entries that identify different packet flows. As discussed above in connection with claim 1, Jackowski neither teaches nor suggests a peripheral memory that stores a table that includes entries that identify different packet flows. Therefore, for at least this reason, withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claim 14 is requested.